

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Research shows that four hours of mentoring a month can change a young adult's life. Mentoring is a great asset to help youth G.R.O.W—Get Ready to lead Our World—and has a significant impact on contributing to the increase of young adults' self-esteem, self-love, and self-confidence, which promotes youth to have a positive influence on peers; and

WHEREAS: When young adults are educated and empowered in a mentoring setting to be confident and accomplish goals, they not only fulfill personal successes, but they become aware of their potential and grow to be confident leaders who serve and bring change to our communities and the state of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Regardless of background, social norms, or circumstances, all young adults in Arkansas deserve mentors as grow models to teach them to be confident in developing their talents and guidance on how they can contribute their gifts to society; and

WHEREAS: Education and empowerment through mentoring enables significant progress in creating opportunities for young adults to learn and grow. However, many youths face limited opportunities due to access to such programs, which results in a lack of confidence; and

WHEREAS: When young adults are introduced to mentoring, they gain confidence by participating in community service engagements, conferences, and leadership initiatives, enabling them to grow into young adults that work and volunteer in the same state of Arkansas that they grew up in, which effectively and efficiently continues to produce programs and initiatives offered for education and empowerment of youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 20<sup>nd</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as

YOUTH MAGIC WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2021.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary of State